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% PUB_STRAT_CLEAN solves the simultaneous differential equations model of Higginson & Munafo.

% This code carries out the sensitivity analysis of the appendix.

% The remaining code is available at: <https://zenodo.org/record/155251#.V-jQSDKZMi4>

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% numeric parameters
V_expWeighting=0.09; % funding bias to sig exploratory
V_maxSample=2000; % maximum sample size
V_effectRealExp=0.2; % probability exploratory has real effect
V_effectSizeExp=0.21; % effect size of exploratory
V_effectSizeCon=0.21; % effect size of confirmatory
V_falsepos=0.05; % alpha
V_stdev=1; % standard deviation
V_setupcost=20; % baseline cost of each experiment
V_minsamp=3; % minimum community acknowledged sample size
V_sampsizeCon=100; % size of confirmatory test
V_propAcceptCon=0.5; % proportion of confirmatory accepted
V_dimintot=0.9; % rate of diminishing value of publications
V_maxratio=10; % maximum power allowed
%[~,~,panlabels]=subplotarrange(6);
% create symbolic things
syms sampsizeExp propExp expWeighting maxSample effectRealExp maxratio
syms effectSizeExp effectSizeCon falsepos stdev setupcost minsamp
sampsizeCon propAcceptCon dimintot
%%%%%%%% MODEL %%%%%%%%%
% approximation for power
mstar=(-(pi()*stdev^2./(2*sampsizeExp)).*log(4*falsepos.*(1-falsepos)));
brac=(2./(pi()*stdev^2./sampsizeExp)).*(sqrt(mstar)-effectSizeExp).^2;
signm=((mstar-effectSizeExp^2))./(sqrt((mstar-effectSizeExp^2).^2)+10^-12);
powerExp=0.5-0.5.*signm.*sqrt(1-exp(-1*brac));
% approximation for power
mstar=(-(pi()*stdev^2./(2*sampsizeCon)).*log(4*falsepos.*(1-falsepos)));
brac=(2./(pi()*stdev^2./sampsizeCon)).*(sqrt(mstar)-effectSizeCon).^2;
signm=((mstar-effectSizeCon^2))./(sqrt((mstar-effectSizeCon^2).^2)+10^-12);
powerCon=0.5-0.5.*signm.*sqrt(1-exp(-1*brac));
% acceptability by journal
accprob=1-minsamp./sampsizeExp;
% all exploratory non-sig are file drawered
nExp=propExp.*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeExp)).*accprob.*(powerExp.*e
ffectRealExp+falsepos.*(1-effectRealExp));
% number of exploratory wrong
nWrongExp=propExp.*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeExp)).*accprob.*falsepo
s.*(1-effectRealExp);
% publication in exploratory and confirmatory
% proportion of confirmatory are published if not significant
% all published if significant
pWrongExp=(nWrongExp+10.^-6)/(nExp+10.^-6);
nCon=(1-propExp)*maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeCon)*...
      ((powerCon.*(1-pWrongExp)+falsepos.*pWrongExp)... %
significant: TP & FP
      +propAcceptCon*((1-powerCon).*(1-pWrongExp)+(1-falsepos).*pWrongExp));
% non-sig: FN & TN
% total false negatives
nFalseNeg=(1-propExp).*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeCon)).*((1-
powerCon).*(nWrongExp/nExp))...
      +propExp.*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeExp)).*((1-
powerExp).*effectRealExp);
propFalseNeg=nFalseNeg./((1-
propExp).*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeCon))+propExp.*(maxSample./setu
pcost+2*sampsizeExp));
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% wrong published: false positive and false negative
nWrong=(1-
propExp).*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeCon)).*propAcceptCon*(falsepos.*
(1-(nWrongExp/nExp)))+(1-powerCon).*(nWrongExp/nExp)...
+propExp.*(maxSample./(setupcost+2*sampsizeExp)).*accprob.*falsepos.*(1-
effectRealExp);
propWrong=nWrong./(nCon+nExp);
% fitness is sum of two things - weighted impact factor and number with
diminishing returns
fitness=(expWeighting.*nExp)+(1-exp(-
dimintot*(nExp+nCon.*(1./(1+exp((nCon/(nExp+10^-6)-maxratio)))))));;%

% SENSIVITY ANALYSIS
if dosens==1
    nvarvals=51;
    dmnvals=[0.55 0.55 0.9 0.9]%0.5:0.05:0.8%
    eWvals=[ 0.055 0.09 0.055 0.09]%0.05:0.005:0.08%;
    FitSci=nan(5,6,nvarvals,length(dmnvals));
    optsval4D=nan(5,6,nvarvals,length(dmnvals));
    optpval4D=nan(5,6,nvarvals,length(dmnvals));
    optnCon4D=nan(5,6,nvarvals,length(dmnvals));
    optnExp4D=nan(5,6,nvarvals,length(dmnvals));
    optwrong4D=nan(5,6,nvarvals,length(dmnvals));
    % loop over the fitness functions
    for fitfuncnum=1:5
        % loop over the fitness parameters
        for fitpars=1:length(dmnvals)
            V_expWeighting=eWvals(fitpars);
            V_dimintot=dmnvals(fitpars);
            % loop over the variable of interest
            for varn=1:6
                % check the values of the others
                V_minsamp=3;
                V_falsepos=0.05; % alpha
                V_setupcost=20; % baseline cost of each experiment
                V_effectRealExp=0.2; % probability exploratory has real
effect
                V_effectSizeExp=0.21; % effect size of exploratory
                V_effectSizeCon=0.21; % effect size of confirmatory
                V_stdev=1; % standard deviation
                V_propAcceptCon=0.5; % for one of the analyses
                % loop over the values
                for x1=1:nvarvals
                    switch varn
                        case 1
                            V_setupcost=100*(x1)/(nvarvals);
                        case 2
                            V_effectRealExp=0.2*2*(x1)/(nvarvals);
                        case 3
                            V_effectSizeExp=0.21*3*(x1)/(nvarvals);
                        case 4
                            V_effectSizeCon=0.21*3*(x1)/(nvarvals);
                        case 5
                            V_stdev=2*(x1)/(nvarvals);
                        case 6
                            V_propAcceptCon=(x1-1)/(nvarvals-1);
                    end
                    paramnames={expWeighting dimintot setupcost
effectRealExp effectSizeExp effectSizeCon minsamp falsepos      maxSample
stdev      propAcceptCon sampsizeCon maxratio };

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        paramvals={V_expWeighting V_dimintot V_setupcost
V_effectRealExp V_effectSizeExp V_effectSizeCon V_minsamp V_falsepos
V_maxSample V_stdev V_propAcceptCon V_sampsizeCon V_maxratio };
        % simplify things
        optwrong=subs(propWrong,paramnames,paramvals);
        optnCon=subs(nCon,paramnames,paramvals);
        optnExp=subs(nExp,paramnames,paramvals);
        V_fitness=subs(fitness,paramnames,paramvals);
        % get the optimal strategy

[optx,opty]=findmaxsym(V_fitness,propExp,sampsizeExp,0,[0 1],[1
V_maxSample/20],[1 1]);
        optx=optx(~isnan(optx));
        opty=opty(~isnan(opty));

optpval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=optx(numel(optx));

optsval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=opty(numel(opty));
        % fill in the other stuff

optwrong4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=double(subs(optwrong,{propExp,sampsi
zeExp},{optpval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars),optsval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,
fitpars)}));

optnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=double(subs(optnCon,{propExp,sampsize
Exp},{optpval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars),optsval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fi
tpars)}));

optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=double(subs(optnExp,{propExp,sampsize
Exp},{optpval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars),optsval4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fi
tpars)}));

        switch fitfuncnum
        case 1

FitSci(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=(optnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars).*
optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)).*(1-
optwrong4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars))/2;
        case 2

FitSci(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=(optnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars).*
optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars));
        case 3

FitSci(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=(optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)+o
ptnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)).*optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)
/3).*(1-optwrong4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars));
        case 4

FitSci(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=(optnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)+o
ptnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)).*optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)
/3).*(1-optwrong4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars));
        case 5

FitSci(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)=((optnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars)+
optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars))/2+(optnCon4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitp
ars)).*optnExp4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars))/3).*(1-
optwrong4D(fitfuncnum,varn,x1,fitpars));
        end
    end
end
end

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end  
end
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